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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to
the following documents:

U.S. Patents

Romesburg et al. U.S. Patent 5,113,259 (5/12/92)
Kwoh et al. U.S. Patent 5,382,983 (1/17/95)
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Knee et al. U.S. Patent 5,589,892 (12/31/96)
Hendricks et al. U.S. Patent 5,600,364 (2/4/97)
Oran et al. U.S. Patent 5,617,526 (4/1/97)
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Rozak et al. U.S. Patent 5,748,191 (5/5/98)
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Foreign Patent Documents

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WO 97/47143 (12/11/97)
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WO 99/14947 (3/25/99)

Other Documents

"Sun's Next Steps In Digital Set-tops,"
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tonight?", advertisement from Multichannel
News, Broadband Week Section, p. 168,
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Internet at [http://java.sun.com/products/
jini/whitepapers/whatsjini.pdf](http://java.sun.com/products/jini/whitepapers/whatsjini.pdf),
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"Jini™ Architecture Overview" by Jim Waldo,
from the Internet at [http://java.sun.com/
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"Why Jini Now?", from the Internet at
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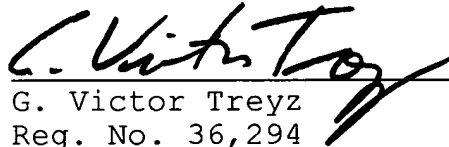
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"Reaching your subscribers is a complex and costly process-until now", from the Internet at <http://www.evolveproducts.com/info.html>, printed on 12/28/98.

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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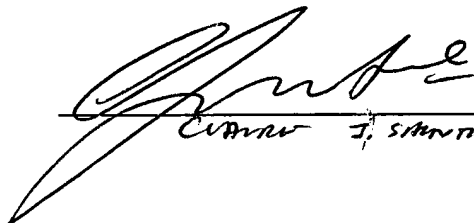
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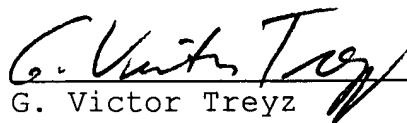
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